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Tricky Brits plan to switch up Scrabble rules

BACKWARDS? A new version of the board game Scrabble will allow proper nouns, unconnected words and words spelled backwards.

To be called Scrabble Trickster, the game is expected to be launched this summer by Mattel U.K.

Word on the street yesterday was that the classic Scrabble is switching its rules, but Hasbro Inc., which owns the North American rights to the game, said it's not planning on changing any rules or introducing Scrabble Trickster in Canada or the United States.

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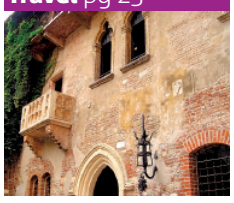

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Salvatore Vetro, regional co-ordinator for the FightHST campaign, holds a petition to axe the pending Harmonized Sales Tax at Vancouver Secondary School yesterday. Former premier Bill Vander Zalm is spearheading the initiative petition, which needs the signatures of 10 per cent of registered voters to force a referendum on the tax.

Anti-HST petition set to jump 'high hurdle'

Signatures of 10% of voters in all ridings needed in 90 days

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A massive campaign to defeat the looming Harmonized Sales Tax kicked off in Vancouver last night by way of an initiative petition spearheaded by a former British Columbia premier.

Bill Vander Zalm and his army of 5,000 volunteers are trying to force a public referendum on the HST.

They have 90 days to collect signatures from 10 per cent of registered voters in all 85 provincial ridings — about 300,000 signatures.

If the campaign succeeds it would mark the first time a citizen's initiative collected enough signatures and would force the province to hold a referendum on the HST or repeal it in the legislature.

Chris Delaney, lead organizer of the campaign — which kicked off at Kitsilano Secondary School in Premier Gordon Campbell's riding — said he thinks the petition could work.

"I don't think we'll have difficulty getting a large number of (signatures)," said Delaney, the former president of the Reform Party of B.C.

"The difficulty will be getting (10 per cent in) all the ridings. So we need to make sure we spread out our troops."

Delaney said volunteers will be canvassing door-to-door and at central location signature gatherings.

"If ever there was an opportunity to make something like this work, this is it," he said.

B.C.'s Liberal government introduced legislation for the HST on March 30, and it's due to come into effect on July 1.

The plan to blend the seven per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal GST is meant, in part, to attract investment and create jobs in the next 20 years, according to the B.C. government.

But opponents say it would hurt consumers and small businesses because more tax would be placed on services previously exempt from PST, such as restaurant meals and haircuts.

Bruce Ralston, NDP MLA for Surrey-Whalley and official opposition critic for Finance, said he backs Vander Zalm's initiative petition.

"We'll support the effort to collect signatures in our own ridings and communities," Ralston said.

"It's a high hurdle to get over but I think the government has seriously underestimated the public anger about the HST."

Details online

- For information about the petition visit fighthst.com.

HST CHANGES OUTSIDE B.C.:

- The Ontario government is offering each resident a $1,000 cheque to alleviate the impact of the HST. B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell has said he doesn't plan to do the same here.
- Nova Scotia yesterday announced it will increase its HST by two percentage points to 15 per cent, creating the highest consumption tax in Canada as of July 1.

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Quinn retrial postponed till tomorrow

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COURT The retrial of the woman accused of killing Vancouver teenager Matthew Martins has been postponed until tomorrow because lawyers needed time to arrange for equipment to replay testimony from the first trial.

Opening arguments in the case against Katherine Quinn — whose 2007 murder conviction was overturned last summer — were supposed to begin in New Westminster yesterday.

David Toner, Martins' stepfather, booked time off work for the scheduled five-week trial and said it was frustrating to hear of the postponement.

"I wasn't terribly surprised because (at the previous trial) there would be little delays," he said. "I just wish we'd known before (leaving the house)."

Quinn has been out on bail since July 2009 and lives near Toner's home.

He said seeing her again filled him with "disgust."

"She has changed her hair style, but she basically looks the same," Toner said, adding she was dressed casually — in a pink sweater and sunglasses.

"She still presents as someone who is cocky and too sure of herself and doesn't show the proper respect to the setting."

Quinn and her boyfriend Robert Forslund were convicted of second-degree murder in the 2005 beating death of 16-year-old Martins and each given life sentences.

Quinn appealed her conviction and was granted a new trial.

Toner said he hopes that by entering much of the evidence from the first trial by way of transcript and CD — which saves the court from re-examining witnesses — the trial will be shortened.

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Meet bestselling author Yann Martel

Yann Martel, left, author of the bestselling book Life of Pi, is coming to the Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver on April 26. The appearance will include readings of his award-winning novel as well as discussion on his new project, Beatrice and Virgil. Tickets are $15, and the event starts at 7:30 p.m. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

WHALE SKELETON The skeleton of a blue whale that washed ashore in P.E.I. is being installed at the UBC museum today. It was cleaned up in Victoria and this morning is making the crossing to its new permanent home at the Beaty Biodiversity Museum.

WRESTLEMANIA Vancouver is one of 14 cities in the running for a Wrestlemania event in 2012 or in the following few years.

MURDER PLOT A 45-year-old Surrey woman has been charged with allegedly plotting to have two people murdered. Amarjit Lally was arrested in Delta. Police notified the alleged intended victims and put them into protective custody during the six-week-long investigation.

WARNING Vancouver police are warning the public about a possible attempted child abduction after a 13-year-old girl was grabbed while walking home through a lane on West 61st Avenue. The victim said a man came from behind, put his arm around her and covered her mouth. She managed to get away. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mayor Gregor Robertson, right, thanks VANOC executives for organizing the Winter Olympics, including CEO John Furlong at Vancouver City Hall yesterday.

City thanks VANOC for staging hit Olympics

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

HONOURS It took a team of people "working all day and night" for seven long years to make the 2010 Winter Olympics happen, said VANOC CEO John Furlong.

Yesterday, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson awarded VANOC executives a Certificate of Appreciation and city Olympic medallions to thank them for the success of the Games.

Robertson said the Olympics changed the way the world sees Vancouver and the way Vancouverites see our city.

"It has certainly opened our eyes to the type of city that we can be," he said.

Furlong credited all Canadians for putting "these Games on with us."

"They got engaged and they played a positive role in welcoming the world, giving people a real Canadian experience," he said.

Robertson added the city is "eternally grateful and very hopeful" to keep moving forward as a result of the Games.

VANOC in return presented a print signed by Team Canada Olympic and Paralympic medallists to the City of Vancouver as a sign of appreciation.

Schoenborn denied

Panel rejects request for conditional release

The B.C. father found not criminally responsible for killing his three children in Merritt due to mental illness will remain in custody, says a psychiatric review panel.

Less than two months after his trial ended, Allan Schoenborn asked the review panel at the Forensic Psychiatric Institute in Port Coquitlam yesterday to free him.

Schoenborn, dressed in jeans, white runners and a denim shirt, told the panel that he wanted a conditional discharge.

He also asked the panel not to allow a victim-impact statement from the children's mother, Darcie Clarke, calling it "hysterical."

It didn't take the panel long to deliberate and decide that the 41-year-old will not be released.

"You continue to pose a serious threat to public safety ... That means a serious threat of serious violence," Bernd Walter, spokesman for the panel, told Schoenborn.

He responded by telling the panel that they made the right decision.

"I think you decided right for me and the public," he said.

Schoenborn acted unpredictably during the hearing, making snide remarks to the panel and interrupting submissions.

The prosecution asked that Schoenborn be held in custody for at least another year, and psychiatrist Dr. Johann Brink told the panel that Schoenborn remains a risk to both the public and himself. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fare evasion a minor issue, official claims

TRANSLINK The problem of fare evasions is miniscule when the total number of people who use public transit is taken into account, a TransLink official said yesterday after a bus driver took it upon himself to sound the alarm.

The Coast Mountain Bus driver told media that, according to his personal calculations, TransLink loses $4.38 million a year to fare evaders.

"What we have to keep in my mind is we moved almost 18 million people last month," said TransLink spokesperson Drew Snider. "When you put the two numbers beside each other, that's less than one per cent of riders."

Snider added the driver's calculation is flawed because it doesn't take into account any of the partial fares being paid by riders.

Snider said TransLink is still exploring ways to curb fare evasion and that the installation of turnstiles by 2013 and a new payment system for zone cards should help.

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B.C. avalanche kills another snowmobiler

BUGABOO Another snowmobiler has been killed in an avalanche in British Columbia.

RCMP say a 41-year-old man from Crossfield, Alta., was snowmobiling Monday night with three companions in Bugaboo provincial park, near Invermere in southeast B.C., when he was caught in the slide.

Staff Sgt. Marko Shehovac said the man was high-marking, or seeing how high up the mountain he could ride, when the snow came down on top of him.

"The deceased was seen to do a high-mark and was in the process of making his U-turn to go down when, approximately 40 yards above him, the avalanche was triggered," Shehovac said in an interview.

"The one witness at the base camp, his description was that the whole side of the mountain came down."

Shehovac said the man, whose name has not been released, was married and had young children. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Total deaths

- 11 people have been killed in avalanches in B.C. this season.
- The yearly national average is 14.

What's your number?

Province, feds to co-ordinate climate change strategy

Ottawa and B.C. have signed an agreement to tackle climate change that will avoid the duplication of regulatory measures, according to federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice. He called it a step toward a national, coherent climate change approach. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Clinics reaching out to men

SEAN KOLENKO
for Metro Vancouver

"Only four per cent (of clinic patients) are males consistently."
Paramita Banerjee, public health nurse

Many young men say that sexual health is a female issue, according to a new study by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and UBC.

The report released yesterday, Evergreen Guys Research Project: Improving Young Men's Health Care, was put together through a combination of nurse-led focus groups, street surveys and individual interviews to determine why so few young men were using health centres around the city.

"We've been open for 30 years at the Evergreen Community Health Centre and we see between 30 and 40 women per clinic," said Paramita Banerjee, a public health nurse with VCH. "But, only four per cent (of clinic patients) are males consistently."

The study also found that young men would prefer the health centres, which are open twice a week, to look more like doctors' offices.

"Our staff took on extra responsibility on learning how to deal with men. We brought in three men off the street to learn from them," Banerjee said.

Other factors contributing to the low turnout is that while most men are talked to about sex during high school, 50 per cent are not sexually active at that time. After high school, when many start having sex, no one is talking to them.

The Evergreen Community Health Centre is hosting an event tonight at Collingwood Neighbourhood House to discuss additional findings.

Art of 19th-century France coming to VAG

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

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A Café on Boulevard de Montmartre, 1877, by Edgar Degas is one of the paintings from the Musée d'Orsay coming to the Vancouver Art Gallery.

CULTURE Art from the renowned Musée d'Orsay in Paris is headed to the Vancouver Art Gallery for its first touring exhibit.

The art is from The Modern Woman collection, which sheds the spotlight on paintings from 19th-century French artists such as Renoir, Manet and Seurat. The exhibit focuses on the female form, and the VAG says the collection reflects the increasing independence of women in French society during that particular era.

"It's been an extraordinary opportunity for the Vancouver Art Gallery to work closely with the Musée d'Orsay and delve into the finest collection of 19th-century French art to co-organize this stunning exhibition," said VAG director Kathleen Bartels.

The exhibit is set to run from June 5 to Sept. 6.

News in brief

DRIVING A Kamloops RCMP officer has become the fourth B.C. Mountie to be charged with impaired driving. Police say the 29-year-old officer was charged after a single vehicle accident early Saturday. He was off duty at the time and alone when his vehicle went off a road and flipped over.

ANIMALS Development of B.C.'s first "green" animal shelter began yesterday in Maple Ridge. On hand at the groundbreaking was Trooper, the golden retriever that gained media attention after he overcame possible starvation.

MEASLES Three cases of measles have been confirmed in the B.C. interior on the heels of an outbreak last month in the Metro Vancouver area. The cases are in Vernon, Lillooet and Williams Lake.

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Opportunity draws aboriginal youth to Canada's cities: Study

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

"On the heels of the Olympics, we've never seen such an endorsement of aboriginal culture in Canada."
Calvin Helin

STUDY More than 70 per cent of aboriginals who live in major Canadian cities prefer the city life to their original homes because of more opportunities including education, according to a new study released by the Environics Institute.

Calvin Helin, a Vancouver lawyer and one of the study's advisers, said the fact that most want to remain in the cities and become educated is crucial for Canada considering one-third of the population is set to retire.

"The fastest growing population is the young aboriginal population and we need those young people to be educated and in the workforce," said Helin. "Not for reasons of a moral imperative, but for the very prosperity and competitiveness of Canada as a nation."

Of the 2,614 aboriginals surveyed in the report, 261 live in Vancouver. Topics included how comfortable they felt in non-traditional communities, their perception of racism, faith in government institutions and the pride in their heritage.

Vancouver has about 40,000 aboriginals, fewer than Edmonton and Winnipeg, but holds the highest rating next to Toronto for feelings of "cultural vitality."

"We have a very active cultural scene here," said Helin. "They feel that their culture is very relevant and on the heels of the Olympics, we've never seen such an endorsement of aboriginal culture in Canada."

No more benefits for balloon pilot

CRASH More worker's compensation won't be awarded to the pilot of a hot air balloon that erupted in flames and crashed in Surrey killing two women and seriously injuring several other people.

Stephen Pennock was taking the group on a sunset sightseeing tour on Aug. 24, 2007 when a propane-fuelled explosion rocked the basket as it was about to lift off.

Pennock and 10 of the 12 passengers leapt from the balloon as fire rapidly ate a hole through the tether that fastened it to the ground.

A young woman and her mother, who couldn't jump out, plunged to the ground and died.

Doctors said that in addition to burns and orthopedic injuries, Pennock suffered post-traumatic stress and depression that prevented him from continuing as a hot air balloon pilot or doing similar work.

WorkSafeBC awarded him temporary wage loss benefits last year, but Pennock appealed, asking that his payments be extended six or nine months.

Review officer Amanda Derry said she found no medical evidence suggesting an ongoing physical disability or need for more treatment after the date benefits had concluded.

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It's 91, not 911
Some Surrey residents are mistakenly dialing 911 when trying to call India. That country's international code is 91. NEWS1130.COM

Exhibits take road trip

SPORTS The B.C. Sports Hall of Fame will be taking some of its exhibits on the road during the B.C. Place renovation beginning this month.

While 95 per cent of the archives will be placed in storage until the building reopens in 2011, a select few exhibits will be displayed at community centres, schools and shopping centres, according to Hall CEO Sue Griffin.

"The public has been coming to us for many years and now it's our turn to go to them," she said.

Travelling exhibits will include B.C.'s contribution to the Olympics from 1912 to the present, focusing on the province's hand in making the 2010 Olympics possible.

This community outreach will be an expansion of the "Hero in You" program that brought athletes' stories to classrooms in order to help educate young students.

There are nearly 50,000 artifacts and archival documents in the Hall representing 100 years of sporting accomplishment in B.C. WESTON STEELE/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

FRAUD An 86-year-old Vancouver fraud victim is blaming her bank for allowing her to withdraw the $10,000 she gave to scam artists.

LABOUR A bus driver from New Brunswick says she was fired because she took time off to work at the 2010 Games, CBC News Online reports

CALL Delta police were called to Pacific Drive after a call a mortar round was found, but it was deemed not an explosive device. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jury heard denial of murder: Lawyer

KEMBO TRIAL A Vancouver man accused of killing his wife, a former girlfriend, his step-daughter and his business partner is testifying in his own defence at his first-degree murder trial. A defence lawyer for Charles Kembo says the jury heard him deny any involvement in the murders.

The prosecution contends Kembo killed all four. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peaks see April snows

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

It's a winter wonderland in the North Shore mountains this spring.

Much-maligned for its lack of snow during the Olympics, Cypress Mountain is covered by the white stuff thanks to slightly cooler April temperatures that have skiers and snowboarders heading for the hills.

Cypress spokesperson Kent Rideout called them "great spring skiing conditions."

This season, which started in November "one month ahead of schedule," is on track with average years, lasting anywhere from "mid to late April" said Rideout.

Chris Dagenais, director of marketing for Grouse Mountain Resorts, said that as the snowfall continues, they will continue to "open terrain safely."

In the last seven days, Grouse and Cypress have seen around 100 centimetres of new snow. "They (the conditions) are great now … The last seven days is probably some of the best skiing and riding of the season, so we're definitely going strong," said Dagenais.

Extension

- Mt. Seymour is extending its ski and snowboard season by another week up to April 18, after reporting 122 centimetres of new snow.

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Loonie dances with the Big Cheese

TheWestView

One way to tell the strength of the Canadian dollar — the length of the lineup at the border.

Last weekend, it was three hours long at the Peace Arch border crossing. It's hard to imagine anyone waiting three hours to buy discount cheese, but I admit there's something deeply satisfying about scoring a giant wedge of mellow yellow for about one-twelfth the cost at the local supermarket. A quick way to get in touch with your inner rodent.

As I write, I'm in the perfect place to view the loonie's run to parity with the U.S. dollar: The Mandalay Bay hotel, 14 floors above the Las Vegas strip with a view of the pyramid-shaped Luxor, that peculiar monument to the excess that was never ancient Egypt.

I flew down with a host of Canadian invaders on the day the loonie reached 99.9 cents US. Yesterday morning, for one brief shining moment, the two currencies were exactly equal. This is great news for the punters, who have experienced a 25 per cent increase in their buying power from a year ago. They are the lords and ladies of the slots, the buffet, and the outlet malls.

This dance of currencies is how Canadians keep score in our one-sided competition with our American cousins. But what does it mean, really? There's loose talk about how Canada's fundamentals are so good compared to the U.S.: Our deficit is lower, our exports are in greater demand, and we're nicer. Maybe that's true. But let's not forget that while our currencies are now equal, that's about it.

The U.S. ranks first in the world with a gross domestic product (GDP) of $14.27 trillion, while Canada barely squeaks into the top 10 with $1.4 trillion. The U.S. spends almost as much on its defence budget — $1.2 trillion.

It's a good time to pause and ask if we'd be feeling so pleased with ourselves if we weren't wrapped in a $1.2-trillion security blanket. Would our resources be so valuable and in such demand if we didn't have a reliable customer that always pays its bills? Ironically, much of the strength of our dollar versus theirs depends on their good graces.

I'm not arguing that "everything is good in America." Just spend 15 minutes strolling the legendary Vegas strip: It's a temple of unsustainability, not to mention cholesterol. Don't try this at home!

But let's not let the loonie lure us into a fool's paradise of our own. So, sit back, relax and wait your turn. It's a three-hour wait for the cheese.

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Word on the street: Are you cheering for Tiger Woods as he returns to golf at the Masters this week?

Sunny Deol
Burnaby

A: No, I think he's a complete d-bag for everything he's done to his wife and kids.

Paul Werdemberg
Vancouver

A: Yes, because I think it's the best thing for him to start his old life again. But keep the women on the side this time.

Maria Corcione
New Westminster

A: No, I don't think golf has anything to do with him cheating, but I don't think he should be glorified. No more sponsorships for Tiger Woods.

Darren McEwan
Ottawa

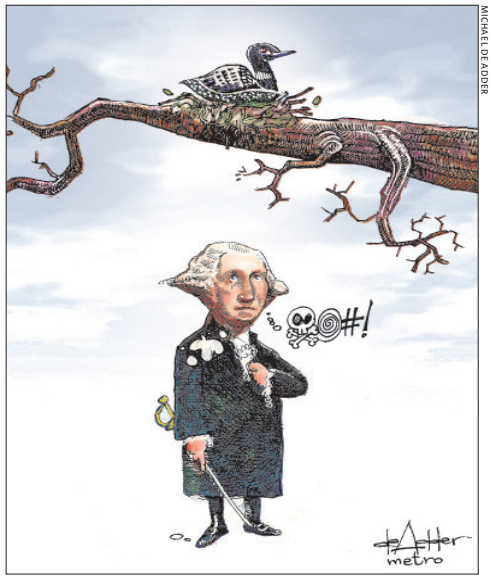
A: No. I'm not cheering against him. I'm just not cheering for him. I'm cheering for Mike Weir, a Canadian, to win it.

Anna Hayes
Toronto

A: No, there are more important things happening in the world other than Tiger Woods' comeback. I don't care what he's done; he's not the first or the last.

Michael von Klitzing
Edmonton

A: I will be cheering for him. It will be the first time I am watching the Masters, and I'm looking just to see Tiger Woods' comeback. I'm excited to see how well he'll do, to see if he will choke or not.



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Canadian DVD bootlegger dies
Montrealer Geremi Adam, a Canadian man who drew international attention as a prolific producer of illegally copied movies, has died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Canada needs tighter online security: Report

Ottawa must take urgent action on cyberspace security, or risk becoming the next victim of a targeted attack by hackers using social media like Twitter to glean secret government or corporate information, Canadian researchers said yesterday.

The team of researchers from the University of Toronto and Ottawa-based SecDev Group released a report yesterday documenting a complex cyber espionage system of Chinese hackers.

Twitter and email were among the tools used to access highly sensitive documents from the Dalai Lama's offices and national security data from India, they said.

"What the ... report shows is that the social media clouds of cyberspace we rely upon today have a dark hidden core," said Ron Deibert, one of the principal researchers.

"There is a vast subterranean ecosystem to cyberspace within which criminal and espionage networks thrive."

A vacuum of global cooperation on cyberspace security only serves to assist those networks, Deibert said. There are no rules of the road when it comes to cyber espionage and it's an area in which Canada could take an active leadership role, he said.

"The Canadian government has neither a domestic cyber security strategy or a foreign policy for cyberspace," Deibert said.

"(The report) should offer a wake-up call that rectifies the situation or we may find that we are the next victim."

However, industrialized countries tend to be better positioned to ward off attacks from cyber spies or cyber criminals, the researchers said.

"There has been, I think, a rush to embrace new information and communications technologies around the world, especially in developing countries, without corresponding attention to security," Deibert said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report

- The report found that hackers operating out of China stole highly sensitive data, including documents from Indian national security and the Dalai Lama's offices in Tibet. The data also includes information provided to Indian authorities by third-party nationals, including Canadian visa applicants.

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Afghan prisoner probe kept hush-hush

INQUIRY The first two days of a probe into the handover of war prisoners in Afghanistan will be held behind closed doors.

The Military Police Complaints Commission has barred journalists, government officials and the general public from sitting in on its proceedings until Thursday.

The civilian-run military watchdog started its probe yesterday, but procedural wrangling stalled the panel from hearing its first witness.

The hearings were scheduled to resume in the afternoon, but a spokeswoman told reporters during a lunch break they would not be allowed back until Thursday morning.

"They will be behind closed doors for the remainder of today and tomorrow," Nancy-Ann Walker said in an email.

"The witnesses for today and tomorrow will not testify publicly."

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Glenn Stannard, listens as hearings resume related to a complaint about military police conduct in Afghanistan yesterday.

The commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FIRST NATIONS A new study suggests the health effects of mercury poisoning at a First Nations reserve in Ontario are worse now than in the 1970s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FIREARMS RCMP officers who guard Parliament Hill are being equipped with submachine guns to give them more stopping power. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Police: Woman killed cousin over attire

Ohio police say a woman shot and killed her 19-year-old cousin Sunday after an argument over jean shorts and a T-shirt the teen wore to Easter dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Native pioneer dies at 64

Former Cherokee Nation chief Wilma Mankiller, left, one of the few women ever to lead an American Indian tribe, has died of cancer at 64. As chief, she took native issues to the White House and met with three presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. She met snide remarks about her surname — a Cherokee military title — with humour, often delivering a straight-faced, "Mankiller is actually a well-earned nickname." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

INDONESIA A 7.7 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra early Wednesday, prompting a brief tsunami warning and sending residents rushing for higher ground. There were scattered reports of injuries, but only minor damage was immediately reported. Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued tsunami warnings following the quake, but lifted them two hours later.

BRITAIN Police have arrested two women after they reportedly tried to smuggle a corpse onto a flight. Police said yesterday the women were detained at Liverpool's John Lennon Airport "on suspicion of failing to give notification of death" of a 91-year-old man. The BBC reported that the women placed the man, a relative, into a wheelchair and covered his face with sunglasses in a bid to get him aboard a flight to Berlin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marriage drama has South Asia abuzz

Former Pakistan cricket team captain Shoaib Malik isn't the first professional athlete to receive unsolicited pictures from an admiring female fan.

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Sania Mirza and Shoaib Malik, to be married later this month, address the media in India Monday.

But his decision to marry his romantic pursuer — sight unseen — surely sets him apart. In 2002, Malik was a rising star in Pakistan cricket when he agreed to recite marriage vows over the phone with Ayesha Siddiqui — the two had never met. Eight years on, Malik's baffling move is stoking a media frenzy throughout South Asia and threatening to sideline a highly anticipated Indian celebrity wedding this month.

News of Malik's bizarre marriage emerged after his family confirmed recently that the 28-year-old is scheduled to marry Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, 23, two months after they first met. Siddiqui, 29, wants an official divorce, and has filed a police complaint accusing Malik of cheating and criminal intimidation.

The highly-charged drama has dominated Indian and Pakistani TV news coverage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miner hope remains

WEST VIRGINIA Rescuers held out slim hope yesterday that four missing coal miners might have survived when a mine repeatedly cited for improperly venting methane gas exploded, killing 25 people in America's deadliest underground disaster in a quarter-century.

A day after the blast in southern West Virginia, desperate rescuers began boring into the mine in hopes of releasing poisonous gases so crews could go in search of the men. But Gov. Joe Manchin said it could be today before much progress is made.

"I don't want to give anybody any false hope, but by golly, if I'm on that side of the table, and that's my father or my brother or my uncle or my cousins, I'm going to have hope," he said.

Officials said the missing miners might have been able to reach airtight chambers stocked with food, water and enough oxygen for four days.

But rescue teams checked one of two chambers nearby, and it was empty. The buildup of gases prevented them from reaching other chambers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man charged after arson at topless coffee shop
Fire investigators in Maine say a man is being charged with setting a fire that destroyed the topless coffee shop where his girlfriend worked. The fire in June was set hours after the shop's owner met with officials from the town of Vassalboro about plans to make the business more like a strip club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama: No new nukes

President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to constrain the use of the nation's Cold War-era nuclear arsenal, part of a bold but politically risky move aimed at discouraging nuclear technology from spreading.

Obama's plan is a bid to play down the threat posed by nations like Russia and China while emphasizing the threat posed by terrorists or states believed to encourage terror.

"To stop the spread of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear terrorism, and pursue the day when these weapons do not exist, we will work aggressively to advance every element of our comprehensive agenda: To reduce arsenals; to secure vulnerable nuclear materials; and to strengthen" international agreements, Obama said in a statement.

In the plan, the U.S. promises not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them. But it would not apply to states like North Korea and Iran due to their refusal to co-operate with nonproliferation standards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil **One of the lucky ones**

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The heaviest rains in Rio de Janeiro's history triggered landslides that killed at least 81 people yesterday. Rising water turned roads into rivers, paralyzing Brazil's second-largest city.

Hope fading for rescuers in China

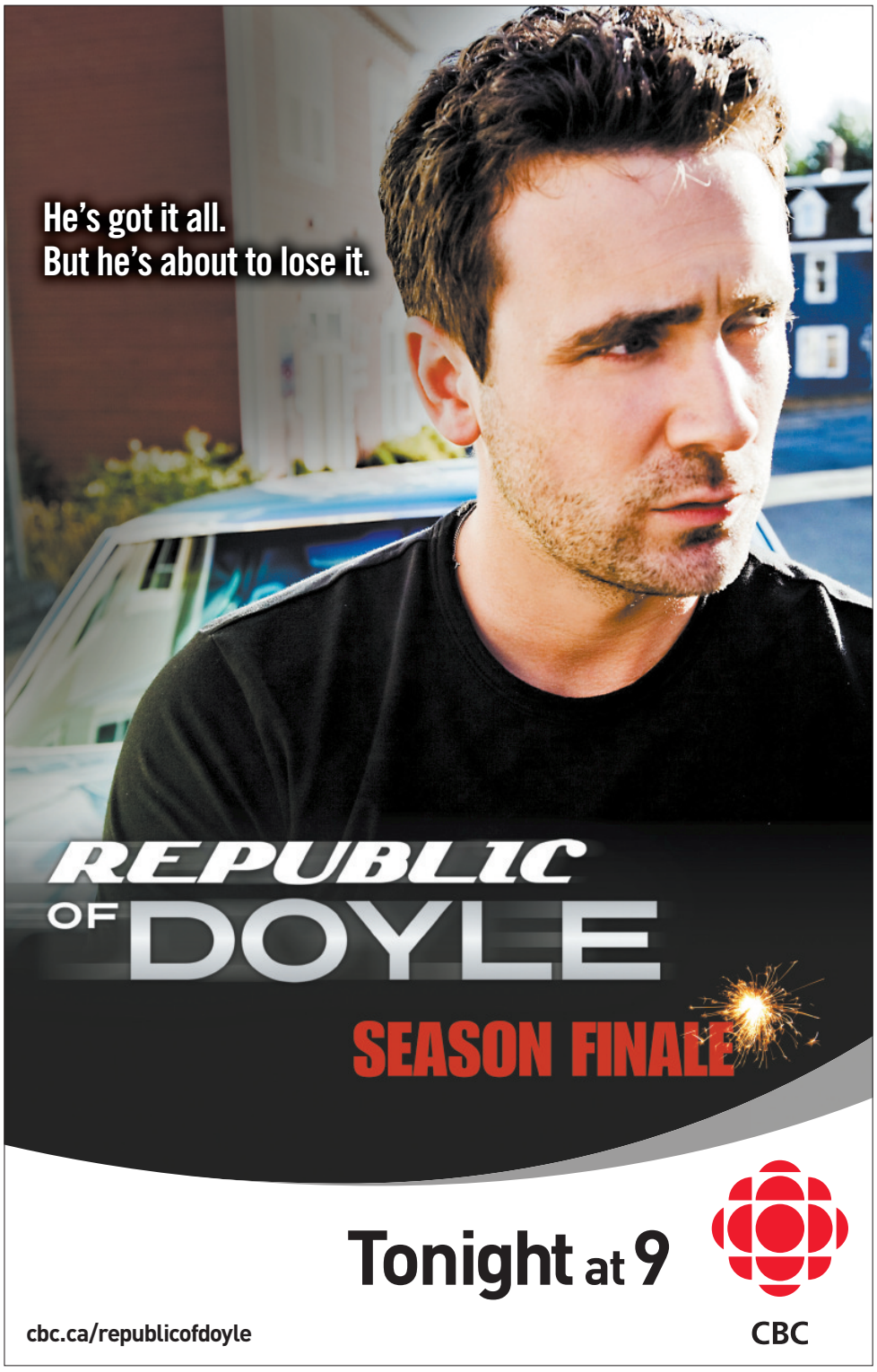
DANGER A dangerous gas buildup and narrow shafts stalled rescue efforts for the remaining 32 miners trapped in a Chinese coal mine with no signs of life, as euphoria faded from the stunning rescue of 115 workers after more than a week underground.

Rescue work stretched into its 10th day but met a challenge as toxic, highly combustible gas seeped into the mine, reaching levels a rescue spokesman said were "impermissible." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CRIME Three Massachusetts teenagers pleaded not guilty through their lawyers yesterday in the bullying of a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide after months of threats and harassment.

ASCENT Jordan Romero, a 13-year-old California boy, plans to try to climb Mount Everest in a quest to reach the summits of the highest peaks on all seven continents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Big investor for Virgin Money

U.S. billionaire investor Wilbur Ross has bought a 21 per cent stake in Richard Branson's Virgin Money, backing the British entrepreneur's bid to buy hundreds of branches of the government-owned Royal Bank of Scotland. Ross, paid 100 million pounds ($152 million) under the deal announced yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Economists say a strong loonie will not mean lower prices right away.

Loonie briefly flies at par

The loonie returned to parity for the first time in 20 months yesterday, but analysts and retailers say Canadians shouldn't expect to see price parity in stores.

Buoyed by strong Canadian fundamentals and the currency's upward momentum, the loonie hovered around parity with the U.S. dollar most of the day, reaching as high as 100.12¢ US, before settling a fraction below the line at 99.88¢. But economists say it is only a matter of time — maybe days — before the currency stakes its ground above the line for an extended period.

"Canada is the new Switzerland of stability, but with domestic assets the world wants," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital, in reference to Canada's commodity riches, including oil.

Mark Beazley of the Retail Council of Canada said parity will inevitably lead to pressure on retailers to match prices on everything from clothes to electronics to automobiles with the U.S., in part because the comparison is easy to make. But he cautions that the value of the currency is only one of many factors that determine prices.

"Canada is one-tenth the size of the U.S. market so Canadian retailers aren't getting the volume discounts their American counterparts are getting, and we have higher labour costs, higher import taxes, unique (bilingual) labelling requirements," he explained.

Analysts said the adjustments could take months or even years — as they did the last time the currency rose to and above the U.S. dollar in the fall of 2007.

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Convenience stores face tough times

RETAIL Canada's convenience stores were hammered last year by higher credit card fees, contraband cigarettes and the economic recession, according to an industry-sponsored study.

Illegal tobacco sales continued to cost stores more than $2.5 billion in annual sales and $260 million in profits, said the report prepared by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

The industry is heavily dependent on cigarette sales. Two out of every three cigarettes sold legally in Canada are purchased in convenience stores.

Credit card fees accounted for $200 million in costs, some $50 million of that as a result of a recent increase in processing fees by major card companies.

The industry's profitability was also hurt by an average five per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Overall, the net profitability of convenience stores was barely holding at about one per cent, about half the level in 2008.

The future is expected to remain challenging as the maturing industry faces slowing sales growth, the study said.

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Frugal eaters turn to High Liner: CEO

FOODS Frugal Americans who buy more frozen seafood for home cooking will bring about "modest increases" in U.S. sales for High Liner Foods Inc. this year, the Lunenburg-based firm's chief executive predicts.

The United States accounted for slightly more than half of the company's sales last year, with the remainder coming mostly from in Canada. Sales in both countries were down from the previous year, but the decline in U.S. sales was bigger.

The trend in the recession-battered United States consists of aging baby boomers who are eating in and seeking to reduce calories by eating fish, High Liner CEO Henry Demone said yesterday after the company's annual meeting. "I use the term 'the new normal' in the U.S. because the U.S. consumer was really over-leveraged in terms of credit cards and mortgages and now people are saving money and paying down debt," Demone said.

Demone, the son of a sea captain who fished the Grand Banks, said he's also still trolling the United States for potential acquisitions, after not finding any willing sellers in 2009.

Last year, the U.S. business had earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization of $23 million, a jump of 25 per cent over the year before.

Overall, profits rose from $14.2 million in 2008, or 88 cents per share, to $19.7 million, or $1.07 per share in 2009.

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News in brief

TELECOM Telus Corp. says it will invest $650 million this year on infrastructure in British Columbia to deliver more high-speed Internet, high-definition TV and advanced wireless services to its customers in that province. Telus CEO Darren Entwistle said the company has invested more than $22 billion in technology and operations in B.C. since 2000, the year he became head of Canada's second-largest telecom company. Last month, he announced a similar $650-million spending plan for neighbouring Alberta — another province where Telus is the dominant telecom carrier. It has yet to outline its spending 2010 spending plans for the Ontario and Quebec market, where it also competes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WestJet sees 10% jump in passenger numbers

AIRLINES The newly-appointed chief executive of WestJet Airlines Ltd., Gregg Saretsky, says he's pleased with how the company performed last month.

WestJet's passenger traffic in March was up 10 per cent from the same time last year. That equates to about 94,000 additional guests.

The Calgary-based airline's load factor — which is a measure of how full its fleet was — rose to 83.8 per cent.

That's up 1.9 percentage points from March 2009, despite a 7.4 per cent increase in capacity.

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AOL looking to sell or shutter Bebo

ONLINE The struggling Internet company AOL plans to sell or shut down social website Bebo, which it bought for $850 million nearly two years ago.

In an email sent to AOL Inc. employees yesterday, the company said that Bebo's audience is falling and that it would need a "significant investment" to remain competitive as a social networking company.

Bebo has been popular in Europe, but not in the U.S. According to comScore Inc., it had 5.1 million U.S. users in February, compared with 209.7 million for Facebook.

AOL says it's looking for potential buyers and plans to finish a strategic evaluation by the end of May.

AOL bought Bebo in May 2008. AOL was then part of Time Warner Inc.

It separated from the media conglomerate last year.

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Mine blast **Trading impact**

AP PHOTO/RICHARD DREW

Specialist Evan Solomon, left, directs trading in shares of Massey Energy Co., yesterday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Massey shares fell 11.4 per cent to $48.45 US a day after a deadly explosion at a West Virginia mining operation run by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co., which officials said has a history of safety violations.

Semenya will wait for gender test results

Caster Semenya will wait for the results of her gender verification tests before returning to competitive running, saying yesterday that she will race June 24 at a meet in Zaragoza, Spain. The results of the tests are expected in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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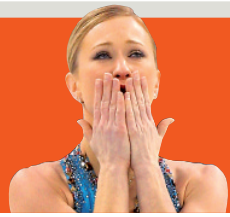

Rochette on Time's shortlist

Olympic medallist Joannie Rochette is on Time magazine's preliminary list of the 100 most influential people of 2010. The 24-year-old figure skater won a bronze medal in Vancouver last month just days after the death of her mother from a heart attack. Rochette, of Ile Dupras, Que., was 26th overall in online voting out of 200 candidates, with more than 7,000 votes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canucks fall in shootout

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Matt Duchene scored the only goal in the shootout as the Colorado Avalanche clinched a playoff spot with a 4-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks last night.

Duchene beat Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo with a forehand shot. The win, combined the Calgary Flames' 2-1 loss to the San Jose Sharks, secured Colorado a playoff spot.

Daniel Sedin tied the game 3-3 with his second goal of the night at 15:54 of the third period.

With Brandon Yip off for hooking, Sedin took a pass from his twin brother Henrik and fired a low, hard shot that beat Avalanche goaltender Craig Anderson on the far side. It was his 26th goal of the year.

The assist allowed Henrik Sedin to stay one point ahead of Washington's Alexander Ovechkin for the NHL scoring race.

Daniel Sedin had a chance to win the game in the five-minute overtime on a breakaway. But defenceman John-Michael Liles managed to stick-check him from behind.

Mason Raymond, with his 25th goal of the season, also scored for the Canucks.

Darcy Tucker, T.J. Galiardi and Paul Stastny scored for Colorado.

The Avs played with more emotion and attitude than the Canucks, who already had the Northwest Division title sown up.

The win improved the Avs' record to 43-29-7 for 93 points with three games left.

The Flames have 89 points with two games left and will miss the playoffs, as the Avalanche hold the tiebreaker with more wins should the teams finish tied.

Vancouver's record is 48-27-4 for 101 points.

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Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo makes a save during first-period action against the Colorado Avalanche at GM Place last night.

Johnson out four to six weeks

- Vancouver Canucks forward Ryan Johnson will miss at least the first round of the NHL playoffs with a broken foot. Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said that the oft-injured fourth-line centre will be sidelined four to six weeks.

Sports in brief

CHL Vancouver Giants forward Craig Cunningham was named Canadian Hockey League player of the week yesterday. He recorded six points (three goals, three assists) and a plus-3 rating in two Western Hockey League playoff games last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Letterman has offer for Butler coach

David Letterman offered Butler's Brad Stevens a year of his salary to take over his alma mater, Ball State. The Late Show host was joking, of course, when he interviewed the NCAA runner-up's coach via satellite yesterday. Stevens responded by complimenting Ball State's Billy Taylor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVID CANNON/GETTY IMAGES

Tiger Woods plays a shot during a practice round yesterday prior to the Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

Tiger set for TV spotlight

Will tee off at 10:42 a.m. tomorrow

Thousands of fans are following Tiger Woods around Augusta National during practice rounds. Millions more around the world will be able to watch when he officially makes his return to golf at the Masters tomorrow.

Woods was put in the next-to-last group for the opening round — his first meaningful shot since his private life unravelled in sordid tales of infidelity five months ago. His 10:42 a.m. tee time fits perfectly into live television coverage (TSN, 1 p.m.).

Joining the world's No. 1 player will be K.J. Choi and Matt Kuchar.

"It's funny, because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," Choi said when he walked off the 18th green yesterday. "I like playing with big crowds."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., tees off at 6:40 a.m. and is paired with Lee Westwood and amateur Matteo Manassero.

Woods did not speak to the media yesterday, yet he remains very much the centre of attention at this Masters. The first big hurdle was going public — playing golf before fans and speaking to the media for the first time since Nov. 15.

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The next big test comes tomorrow, when he starts keeping score. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competition before a major championship — the 2006 U.S. Open after his father died and the 2008 U.S. Open after knee surgery — but he has never come to Augusta National without any type of a tuneup.

Few other golf courses require so much precision, even more when it's hot and dry as it has been all week.

"It's a very stressful course to play when you're in a major championship," British Open champion Stewart Cink said. "It's a really difficult test, and it comes at you with every shot. If your game is up to it, and your mentality is up to it, then you can succeed and you can play well and have some confidence.

"But if you are wavering in any way, the course just identifies that and it just spits you out."

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Iginla blames himself for Flames' lack of goals

NHL Calgary Flames captain Jarome Iginla points the finger at himself for his team's lack of goals this season.

With the Flames among the bottom three teams in the NHL in production, the player who has twice led the league in goal-scoring admits he's struggled.

"I'm going to be around 70 points. It's not enough," Iginla said yesterday prior to a game against San Jose. "We've had a lot of trouble scoring goals. That's been my job and my role."

After assisting on Sidney Crosby's goal to win Olympic gold on Feb. 28, the 32-year-old right-winger has scored five goals in 17 games for the Flames.

"I haven't been very good," Iginla said. "It's not been for lack of want or lack of trying. Unfortunately I've been in a rut and I'm going to work to get out of it.

"Do I think my best times are behind me? No I don't. I've been in a lot of tough stretches before and droughts." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Olympic gold and Red Wings post-season push leave little down time for Mike Babcock.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Lionel Messi scored four times as Barcelona beat Arsenal 4-1 to reach the Champions League semifinals for the third straight year yesterday. Barcelona plays group stage rival Inter Milan next after the Serie A champions beat CSKA Moscow 2-0 on aggregate.

BASEBALL Tests on the injured right shoulder of Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street show no major damage. Rockies manager Jim Tracy said Street was checked Monday by noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews. Tracy said an MRI exam came back clean.

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers were the only CFL team to exceed the $4.2-million salary cap last year, the league announced yesterday. The Blue Bombers finished the season $44,687 over the cap and were therefore fined that amount by the league.

TENNIS Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Russia beat Yvonne Meusburger of Austria 6-3, 6-0 yesterday to reach the second round of the Andalucia Open.

BASEBALL Baseball players are threatening to file a collusion grievance charging owners with conspiring against free agents last winter. New players' association head Michael Weiner told The Associated Press yesterday the union has concerns, but owners deny any wrongdoing.

HOCKEY Craig MacTavish's coaching staff for the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship is set. Peter DeBoer and Billy Moores will join MacTavish behind the Canadian bench at next month's tournament in Germany. DeBoer is currently finishing his second season as the head coach of the Florida Panthers. Moores spent nine years as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers under MacTavish and is currently a pro scout for the team.

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McNabb begins 'new chapter'

"Sometimes you're forced into change."
Donovan McNabb

NFL The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced yesterday at Redskins Park. All things being equal, he would rather be preparing for a 12th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan."

"I've always believed in finishing where you started," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that. Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change. I would have loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen."

Instead, he is with the Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both went to great lengths to say that trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment. They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

Koe suffers first loss

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Kevin Koe throws his rock yesterday against Scotland.

CURLING Kevin Koe's perfect run at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship is over.

Veteran German Andreas Kapp posted a 9-6 win over the Edmonton skip yesterday, ending a six-game winning streak in Koe's tournament debut.

Koe opened the day with a dominating 6-2 win over Scotland's Warwick Smith to take sole possession of first place in the standings at 6-0.

But the Canadians struggled in the evening draw, eventually losing to a Kapp rink desperate for a win to keep its playoff hopes alive.

"Well, we didn't play well and that's what happens," said Koe. "That was a big win for them and not a good loss for us. We kind of gave away the game early and just didn't play well."

Koe said Kapp's experience played a part in the win. "These guys have been around," said Koe. "This is about their 15th worlds, they've played lots of these and they played well."

The loss dropped Koe into a three-way tie with Scotland and Norway atop the standings at 6-1.

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Ferguson not prepared to risk Rooney

SOCCER Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is unlikely to risk injured striker Wayne Rooney against Bayern Munich today in the second leg of the Champions League quarterfinals.

Rooney injured ligaments in his right ankle last Tuesday when United lost to Bayern 2-1 in the first leg, but he is already ahead of schedule after initially been ruled out for up to three weeks.

"We have made some progress with the lad, the medical team have done fantastic, but I'm not prepared to take a risk when the player is not 100 per cent fit," Ferguson said yesterday. "We are looking more at the Manchester City game (on April 17), maybe Blackburn as a sub (on Sunday), but the boy is making good progress."

Ferguson, however, didn't rule out the possibility that Rooney would play against Bayern at Old Trafford.

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Future of Queen's law library uncertain
The head law librarian at Queen's University says the institution may lose its law library if cuts to the school's library system continue. The librarian says 16 library staff positions have been cut since 2004-05, and she anticipates more cuts in the future. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Dealing with McMaster's crisis

McMaster University has struck a three-member panel tasked with resolving a conflict in the institution's business school, where faculty have been divided on the issue of Dean Paul Bates' leadership. One faculty group accuses Bates of high-handed management, while the other believes he has been unfairly targeted. The dean will continue in his position and is expected to work in consultation with the panel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Communication breakdown

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Nonverbal communication, such as hand gestures and eye contact can make or break a job interview, says Alison Craig, author of Hello Job.

What you say isn't half as important as they way you do — or don't — say it.

Sound ridiculous? Consider this: How many of us have walked out of a job screening thinking we aced it? Our answers were wittily smooth, providing great insight into our character and abilities while our resumé was a perfect response to the job description? Still, we didn't get that anticipated call back.

Here's a possible reason. In job interviews, common perception is that what we say has more weight than how it's conveyed. However, as author Alison Craig reveals in her latest book Hello Job (Blue Monarch Press), one often overlooked aspect of job hunting is the mannerisms we employ when searching for, well, employ.

"Nonverbal communication is one more piece to the communication puzzle and even dominates the picture, ranging from your body language and facial expressions to your voice and, of course, your overall image," she asserts.

Looking at it that way, it's clear how a spotless work history might not be a deal-clincher. Craig notes that regaling those rehearsed speeches about our strengths and weaknesses invariably prove more successful when combined with effective body language, a mode of articulation most Human Resources professionals are highly trained in reading/understanding yet we commonly overlook.

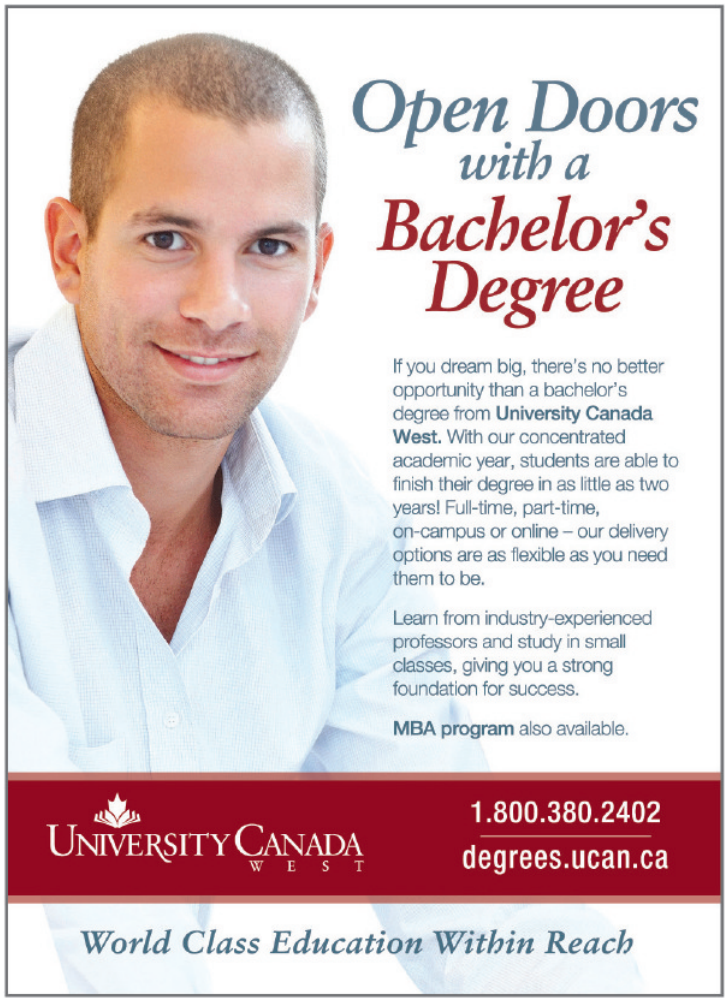
"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you," she says. "Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something from the interviewer.

"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you."
Hello Job author Alison Craig on HR professionals

Closed body language such as crossed legs, purses/brief cases on your lap or arms fully crossed across the chest is an unintentional warning telling others to keep their distance; that we are disinterested in what is going on," Craig charges, adding that hunched shoulders indicate being over-stressed or lazy; careless about our position.

So how do we tackle these unwitting, soundless modes of correspondence?

"Practice doing a mock interview with yourself in the mirror. If you can honestly step back and look at yourself as others see you, you will quickly notice (your quirks)."



uSask committed to distance ed despite budget cuts

University of Saskatchewan officials say the province's decision to remove over $1 million from technology-enhanced learning programs at the university should not affect distance learning in the province. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Employee lost sight of who calls the shots

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Sometimes employees too easily confuse who gets to call the legal shots. Believing that their job is an entitlement, some workers try to take the law into their own hands. They are often mistaken. This is the tale of one employee who learned this lesson the hard way.

Working out of the Toronto-area offices of Software developer VoiceGenie Technologies, Crinu Iliescu quickly wore out his welcome. Hired only 15 months earlier as a Software Q.A. Manager, Iliescu swiftly lost the firm's trust after his response to a manager's email accusing him of underperformance. Iliescu wrote his boss, the HR manager and the president with five demands he required them to meet before he would return to work.

The next day Iliescu did return to work but found that his access to the computer system and security pass had been removed. He was then met with a "performance improvement plan," detailing the company's concerns about his behaviour and setting out its expectations from him in the future. Iliescu reacted by rejecting the performance guidelines and declaring that his return to work would occur only when his concerns were fully addressed.

VoiceGenie told Iliescu that its performance plan was not negotiable or subject to his approval and that he was to immediately return to work. When Iliescu did not, VoiceGenie concluded that he had abandoned his position and fired him. Believing that he had been wrongfully dismissed, Iliescu sued the company and its president for nearly one million dollars.

At trial, Justice Randall Echlin found that it was simply not open to Iliescu to reject the performance plan and provide his employer with an ultimatum that it must meet his concerns. VoiceGenie had a "legal right to require a minimum level of performance," and instead of working with his employer, Iliescu became adversarial, thinking he was entitled to negotiate terms, wrote Justice Echlin. When Iliescu refused to work after receiving notice that his attendance was required, he effectively resigned. Recently, the Court of Appeal also agreed, dismissing Iliescu's case.

Make sure you pay attention to performance improvement plans when they are offered by your employer.

Iliescu simply lost sight of who was entitled to call the shots. While employees do retain certain rights, rejecting a reasonable performance improvement plan is usually a poor option. Even if such a plan is imposed in bad faith, which often does occur, protest the plan in writing and continue to work in the meantime. You retain the right to complain at a later time without jeopardizing your job.

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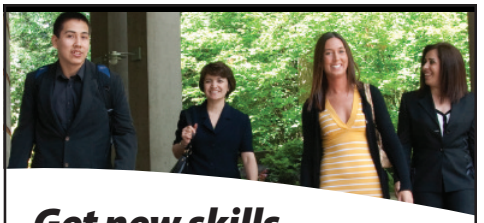

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It's a long road to fill accounting positions

For already-stretched accounting departments, waiting a month for help may seem like an eternity. Yet, a recent survey found it can take at least that long for employers to hire for open positions. Chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed said it takes an average of four weeks to fill a staff-level role and five weeks to bring a new manager on board.

Filling accounting positions is hard work according to a recent survey. When a strong candidate is identified, don't procrastinate.

The Robert Half survey is based on interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs from a stratified random sample of companies.

"Even in this cautious hiring environment, managers need to focus on their staff levels," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half. "Operating with a team that's too lean could cause firms to lose out on future business opportunities and lead to employee burnout."

According to Messmer, having a nimble hiring process in place is critical to securing top employees. "Professionals with in-demand skills always have options, and firms that don't move quickly to secure these individuals risk losing their top choices to other opportunities."

Robert Half offers managers tips to make the hiring process as efficient as possible:

- **Stay front and centre:** Don't delegate the hiring process. You know best what you want in an employee. Avoid delays or, worse, potential hiring mistakes by remaining closely involved in the process from beginning to end.
- **Stick to a game plan:** Before resumés start coming in, develop a method for evaluating them consistently. Using the job description as a base, make note of key criteria you're looking for from applicants, and search for those same attributes in each resume you receive.
- **Get help:** Specialized recruiters can help you pinpoint your needs. And their networks provide access to people you might not locate on your own, including professionals who may not be actively looking but would make a change for the right opportunity.
- **Don't delay:** When you identify strong applicants, don't procrastinate. Top performers are in demand in any market. By moving too slowly, you risk losing your first choice — and extending the hiring process.

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Polo on top

The Volkswagen Polo, left, has been named the World Car of the Year. The Audi R8 won Performance Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Camaro was named Design of the Year at the New York International Auto Show. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Long live the station wagon

VW Golf stretched to max to make room for utility and style

ROB BEINTEMA
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The 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon, the biggest Golf ever, adds family-hauling, cargo-carrying ability to a stylish and sophisticated package.

Ah, station wagons. They originated as "depot hacks" to carry passengers and luggage from train station to hotel.

Then they evolved into Boomer family haulers and cross-country tourers before gradually degenerating into bloated and vinyl-clad irrelevance, battered by energy crises and compact car revolutions before being supposedly killed off by the advent of the minivan.

But it seems that rumours of their death have been somewhat exaggerated.

Station wagons are back, an evolutionary rebound from SUV excess, regaining their original popularity with a modern mix of utilitarian practicality, contemporary style and perky performance.

Take the 2010 Golf Wagon for example.

With a starting price of $22,675, the Golf Wagon is a cheaper entry into German-engineered utility than most Euro-SUVs or crossovers. And yet it offers acceptable, compact-style family seating and loads of cargo-carrying ability, a natural fit for multi-purpose business needs, weekend getaway gear haulage, or for families with pets.

The Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever with 930 litres of luggage space behind the rear seats, expanding to an impressive 1890 litres with the 60/40 second row folded flat.

That's roomier than the cargo rating of VW's Tiguan compact SUV. It rivals the larger Touareg's numbers and even surpasses the maximum luggage space of the bigger Passat Wagon.

From the driver's seat, it's easy to forget about cargo space as you look around a premium passenger cabin that is elegantly symmetrical with evident quality in content and construction. Simple, round red-needled gauges are brilliantly lit in white.

Outside, this sixth generation Golf Wagon pays tribute to the first generation Golf with a radiator grille horizontally aligned between the headlights. For a wagon, it's unexpectedly sleek. It's low-slung, sporty lines and very "un-wagonish" persona surprised me every time that I walked up to it.

The 2010 VW Golf Wagon comes in varying trim levels with a choice of two engine versions — gasoline or TDI Clean Diesel.

Regardless of personal preferences, trim selections or even powertrain choices, the 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon blends quality and content in a package that is elegantly stylish and eminently practical.

Long live the station wagon.

2010 VW Golf Wagon

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Highlights

- Biggest Golf ever
- Choice of gasoline and TDI clean diesel
- Stylish

LEDs light up future

TECH The latest technology that is changing the face of cars is the Light-Emitting Diode (LED). LEDs which are smaller, brighter and can be configured together are gradually replacing conventional incandescent and halogen bulbs.

Audi is lighting the way in terms of LED use. Currently it makes more use of the technology than any other manufacturer, using the lights to create a unique look for the front and rear of its cars.

The A1, A4, A5, and R8 all have LED running lights making them stand out.

The rest of the car industry is following suit. Many recent concept cars have used LEDs to add visual interest, suggesting that we can expect to see their use on cars other than Audis soon.

LEDs, though more expensive, are used because they illuminate quickly. This means they are particularly safe when used for rear taillights. Vehicle designers like them because they offer greater design flexibility. As the bulbs are much smaller, they take up less space, meaning that they are more versatile allowing designers the opportunity to create lighting "shapes."

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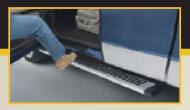

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Scion iQ, tC on their way

Scion has presented two new production vehicles at the New York Auto Show: The 2011 iQ premium micro-subcompact, and the 2011 sports coupe. The tC is scheduled to arrive in dealerships this fall, while the iQ will go on sale in early 2011. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

Toyota Camry built on solid reputation

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

A newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Toyota Camry from a certified dealer program is a good bet for long-term confidence.

MODEL: 2002 to 2005 Toyota Camry
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $5,500 to $15,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Building on generations of reliability and owner satisfaction, the last-generation Toyota Camry was bought as a proven, no-nonsense machine by thousands of Canadians. If you're looking for a level-headed used family sedan, they don't get much more sensible than this.

Second Gear

Used Camry shoppers in this generation can choose between a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with 157 horsepower, or a 3-litre V6 with 192. Later in Camry's life, the V6 was up-sized to 3.3 litres, and horsepower climbed to 220.

The four-cylinder engine should prove adequate for most drivers, though the V6 is popular with those after added performance, and those who frequently travel with a carload of occupants and gear.

All Camry models were front wheel drive, and an automatic or manual transmission were available — depending on the selected engine.

Lower-end Camry's got an "LE" designation, while more upscale units were badged "SE" or "XLE" in top-line trim. Shoppers can look for a sunroof, remote entry, power accessories, power seats, antilock brakes and automatic climate control.

A six-CD changer, steering wheel mounted audio controls and an auto-dimming rearview mirror were available, too.

The Camry wasn't a car anyone bought for excitement, though it was available very nicely equipped.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Last-generation Camry owners typically report satisfaction with the ride quality, roomy interior and fuel mileage. The big trunk and available V6 performance were commonly praised, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Typical owner complaints deal with Camry's bland looks and character. Some owners also wish for better visibility, more comfortable seats and more agile handling, too.

COMMON ISSUES: If you're shopping for an earlier Camry in this generation, scrutinize its steering while driving in a straight line. Question any "pull" you experience through the wheel, as there are many well-documented cases of an apparently unfixable alignment issue at the start of this generation.

Early Camry models in this generation may also have a higher likelihood of transmission trouble, according to owners forums. Several reports of failed transmissions are documented — so use extra caution on earlier automatic models. Ensure fluid and filter changes are up to date, and opt for the manual transmission if possible.

Check tire wear and brake condition, noting any abnormal tread wear or squealing noises. Assume the vehicle's former owner is trying to sell the car with minimal extra costs, and ensure they're not passing worn-out tires and brakes onto you. If they are, negotiate a better price.

Finally, ensure all interior features and electronics work as they're expected to, including the sunroof and windows. A check of the vehicle's paint, exterior trim and interior upholstery is a good idea with the last-generation Camry, too.

THE VERDICT: If your budget allows, a newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Camry from a Toyota Certified dealer program should prove the best bet for long-term confidence. Ultimately, there are less expensive used family sedans in the used car market, but few with this strong a reputation.

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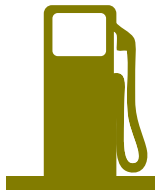

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GM research aims to help drivers cut through fog

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

If you've ever driven in heavy fog, you know how dangerous it can be. General Motors' research and development (R&D) and several universities are working on an advanced vision system that uses data from sensors and cameras to project an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through the fog.

While it will be a long time before the full-screen display comes to market, if ever, the technologies being developed for it could have applications in upcoming vehicles. "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor," says Thomas Seder, lab group manager of human machine interface at GM R&D. "You can see through it when it's not being irradiated with UV light. But if you use a micro laser and irradiate a spot, the transparent phosphor will fluoresce, either red, green or blue."

GM was one of the first to offer a head-up display, or HUD, which projects a small image on the windshield, visible only to the driver, showing information such as vehicle speed.

"We're looking to create enhanced vision systems," Seder says. "We're not creating anything that isn't out there in the real world. If you can imagine a night vision system that could detect a deer on the side of the road, you can't see it with your naked eye, but this could see it and then highlight its exact location. If you look at some concepts that people have proposed, you could be reading your email on a head-up display, but that's not what we want to do. Once you start cluttering up HUD with information that belongs in the centre stack or head-down display, we think that's very distracting. We want to enhance the driver's vision, not detract from it."

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Driving Force

Developing technologies such as sign-reading can assist a driver by removing the need to search for landmarks. "We've all had the experience where you're scanning for the road sign and you're not looking at the road," Seder says. "The primary task in driving is piloting, and navigating is secondary, but people's attention gets focused on the secondary task."

The futuristic full-screen vision is much more complicated, because all of the information must be aligned correctly to the driver's eye. "The road signs don't require a precise image, but there's a penalty if I mismark the road edge," Seder says. "That one's more of a difficult technology. We need to know the vehicle's position, its orientation and the driver's position within the vehicle to precisely align the display image to the real-world image. It's a fairly intricate system, but we'll get better and better."

"The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor."
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BMW goes HD across board

If you've got your heart set on picking up a 2011 BMW of any flavour, we've got good news for you. The company has announced that it's making HD Radio standard on all of its products in the U.S., from the lowly 128i to the big 760Li. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Car owners, rise and shine

Washing and cleaning a car is not as simple as you think.

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, and I don't wonder where the birdie is? Because they just did their business on my car!

Even if the birdies spared your vehicle, this would be a great time to get out there with a brush and a bucket.

Here are some helpful hints that you might have forgotten, and that address recent developments in paint and wheel finishes and car washing products.

They were brought to our attention through conversations with two car washing experts: Jim Dvorak of Mothers Polish, and Rachel Agnew of Black Magic (a division of Shell Lubricants).

Essential car-cleaning tools & supplies

- Positive shut-off hose nozzle
- Wheel and Tire Cleaner
- Dedicated brush and bucket for wheel and tire cleaning
- Biodegradable car wash
- Two wash mitts and two buckets for body washing
- Microfibre drying and polishing towels
- Protectant for vinyl and rubber (including tires)
- Glass cleaner (ammonia-free so safe for tinted windows)
- Wax
- Instant Detailer (to remove dust, bird droppings, etc., between washings)
- For more information, you can check out these sites:

detailguide.com
waxforum.com
blackmagicshine.com

WHEELING: Do the wheels first, says Agnew, and one at a time. Don't apply wheel cleaner when the wheel is hot, and don't leave it on too long. Dvorak cautions to know your wheel's make-up. All modern factory aluminum wheels have a coating — they need paint polish, not aluminum polish.

SOAPING: For soaping a car down, I prefer to use a live squirrel. But Dvorak recommends a sheepskin or lambs wool wash mitt for the main body (above the beltline), and second mitt (microfibre "mop head" or "chenille") for the dirtier lower body. This lowers your chances of scratching paint with dirt particles in your mitt. Agnew reminds us not to use dish soap, which will certainly strip away any wax you've applied. Car wash soap is milder and is designed to carry dirt away when rinsed. Use two buckets: one to rinse dirt off the mitt, the other to put clean suds on the mitt.

RINSING AND DRYING: The key to a successful "dry" is a great "rinse." Dvorak suggests taking off your hose's spray nozzle, and lowering the water stream so it just shoots out about a foot. Then work to get a "sheeting" action on each body panel, before moving on to the next panel. When the water comes off in "sheets" there is less waiting for you to dry off. Dvorak has a vendetta for the old-school leather chamois — they're too grabby. They take wax off, and can even scratch some of the newer (and softer, water-based) finishes. Plush terry cloth or plush microfibre work best.

WAXING: There is a misconception that vehicles with clear coat paint finishes do not need wax. You want to protect your clear coat, as you would any coat. Our experts recommend waxing every eight to 12 weeks. New synthetic wax products are very easy to polish off, even if left on for hours (unlike carbuna wax, which sometimes needs to be chiseled off). Dvorak adds that many people are revisiting the benefits of the "pre-wax" clay bar. After applying clay bar lubricant, you simply run the clay bar along the body panels, to pick up any dirt, metal flakes, pollutants, etc., that have imbedded themselves into the paint.

GREENING: Use biodegradable car-wash soap, and a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose to conserve water. If you're cleaning oily stuff, make sure it goes down a drain routed to a treatment plant. "Regular" dirt can go down a sewer drain (but first check municipality by-laws).

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WHERE TO WAKE UP

Negresco Hotel, hotel-negresco-nice.com

Built directly opposite the seafront, the hotel has sweeping seaviews.

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SPEND THE MORNING

Markets

The daily flower and food market along Cours Saleya is an array of sights and scents.

Everything from sun-dried tomatoes drenched in olive oil to fresh baguettes or crystallized candy flowers at Confiserie Florian.

Nearby is Chez Thérésais, famed for its "socca" — a chickpea flour and olive oil pancake.

WHERE TO LUNCH

Coco Beach, cocobeach-restaurant.com

Coco Beach was once the favorite lunch spot of Pablo Picasso.

From the saffron-laced bouillabaisse to the pissaladière (a provencal pizza topped with caramelized onion, olives and anchovies), dishes and the views are stunning.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON

Promenade des Anglais

Strap on a pair or rollerblades, skates or just walk the famous Promenade des Anglais.

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WHERE TO DINE

L'Escalinada, escalinada.fr

Following a lengthy aperitif of olives and Pastis (aniseed liquor typical of Provence), take a seat at L'Escalinada a cozy Italian restaurant on Rue Pairoliére.

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The Taj Mahal in Agra is a monument to lost love.

1 Romeo and Juliet
Verona

A town whose actual charm is often overlooked because of its link to the greatest romance of all time. The actual "wherefore art thou" balcony is a little underwhelming, but come on, this is Romeo and Juliet — if you can't get romantic here you may have to accept that affairs of the heart may not be your thing. The town is also one of Italy's prettiest with opera in the summer, and great galleries. Lake Garda is also nearby.

Stay: Hotel Gabbia d'Oro, Corso Porta Borsari. hotelgabbiadoro.it

2 Frankly M'Dear
Georgia

A very over-looked U.S. state as far as tourism goes but Georgia's determinedly "southern" laid back take on life and the beautiful countryside is fabulously Gone With the Wind. Many of the antebellum buildings are either real Civil War stock or stylised copies. The state is dotted with great hotels and guest houses. Frankly m'dear you 'll give a damn.

Stay: Antebellum Inn, 200 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville. antebelluminn.com

3 Anthony and Cleopatra
Cairo

By day the backdrop to the Anthony and Cleopatra love story can seem a little hectic and scruffy, but under the stars (and lit by an impressive light show), the pyramids seem fabulously romantic. There's something about their permanence and resilience in the face of all that time can throw at them that seems tailor made to inspire love.

Stay: Four Seasons Hotel, 1089 Corniche El Nil. fourseasons.com/caironp

4 Wuthering Heights
Yorkshire Moors, England

Emily Bronte's novel of thwarted passion between Heathcliffe and Cathy is routinely voted the most romantic novel of all time. And looking out onto the brooding Yorkshire Moors in northern England, it's easy to see how these rolling hills provided such inspiration. Even more haunting in the rain, which, it being Yorkshire, is highly likely.

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A pool in the Ilha do Papagaio in Brazil. Most of the island area is rare Atlantic rainforest.

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MAURICIO XAVIER
Metro World News

If you find selecting a hotel a real headache then the paradise island of Papagaio is your dream holiday — it only has one!

The entire island, off the coast of southern Brazil, has been owned by the Senh family since 1971, but the hotel was only opened in 1992 when the travelling publics started to arrive.

Papagaio is in Palhoça, 30 kilometres from the island of Santa Catarina, where most of Florianópolis, the capital of Santa Catarina State, is located.

To get there you'll need to go to Ponta do Papagaio then take a boat to the island.

A bit of a chore yes, but 100 per cent worth it for a taste of the unspoiled natural beauty of Papagaio.

About 80 per cent of the Papagaio island area is rare Atlantic rainforest that is environmentally preserved and protected. And because of this it has some of the most exhilarating hiking in the world. Seven trails criss-cross the island and you'll find yourself enveloped by pristine untouched nature in the raw,

Boat excursions are the only other way to get to know the place and its nearby islands: dos Corais, do Campeche and Moleques do Sul e Três Irmãs.

During the winter season, between June and August, there are also excursions by boat to observe Southern right whales that mate in the waters south of Brazil.

The beaches are known for their clear waters and a range of aquatic sports, such as diving, wakeboard, water ski, kayak and fishing.

Accommodation

• Atay, from $250/night. The hotel has 21 chalets with views to the Baía da Pinheira. There is a swimming pool, gym and a massage room. You can visit nearby Guarda do Embaú. But you won't want to!

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Tourists return to Machu Picchu after flood

Tourists are back at Machu Picchu, which reopened after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins.

But officials say the entire route is not expected to reopen until June. Until then, tourists can travel by bus from Cuzco to Piscachuco and from there by train to Machu Picchu Pueblo at the base of the ruins.

Peru's No. 1 tourist site had been shut down since late January, when heavy rains disrupted the rail link from the city of Cuzco and trapped some 4,000 tourists, many of whom had to be rescued with helicopters.

Workers have now finished rehabilitating the last 27 kilometres of track, though service has not been restored all the way to Cuzco.

The train is the only form of transportation to the fortress, though hardier tourists can also hike there along the steep Inca Trail.

Machu Picchu averages 1,500 to 2,000 visitors a day.

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UN hopes to reduce number of plane crashes
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Slovakia's Aquacity water park not only offers an array of swimming pools, but it also boasts cryotherapy — a treatment consisting of entering a chamber with a temperature of -120°C for a few minutes, which is touted as stimulating natural pain relief in the body.

Finding cold comfort in Slovakia

ANDY JONES
for Metro World News

Relaxing breaks which recharge body and mind normally involve sipping a cocktail beside a pool in a warm climate.

The only thing cryotherapy has in common with beach breaks is you still get to wear your trunks — only rather than stretching out under the sun, you are exposed to a -120°C freeze. That's roughly twice as cold as the Earth's polar regions.

At Slovakia's Aquacity water park in Poprad, you can experience the thrills and chills of a cryotherapy chamber which promises to "invigorate, refresh and revive." But there's not a single mention of freezing your nuts off.

Croytherapy comes as a series of quick bursts of cold air designed to actively spark your body into regeneration. It is believed to assist with everything from boosting your immune system, helping heal sports injuries or staving off brain illnesses like Alzheimer's.

The effect of being exposed to the extreme cold is that the body releases natural pain-killers and endorphins, which stimulate natural pain relief and a sense of wellbeing.

Now, I'm all for improved wellbeing, but at -120°C?

Treatment over three days at Aquacity is split into sessions of increasing length. There are also massage therapies, specialist saunas and a giant water park complete with slides and a poolside bar.

Before entering the scarily-named cryo chamber you are given a thorough medical examination.

Once inside the chamber, the temperature is so intense you can't actually feel anything. You have to wear a mask to prevent the moisture in your throat from freezing, but far from being something to endure, time in the chamber seems to go quickly.

First you enter a room set at a positively balmy -80°C before stepping next door into the frighteningly cold -120°C. You can leave the chamber at any time, but apart from a few tingles as my heart rate slowed, I felt surprisingly comfortable.

After the session is up, you are rushed upstairs into a gym for a session on the running and rowing machines to get your heart rate pumping again. A warm towel and a cup of tea was what I actually wanted, but never mind.

And the results? Well I had one session per day where I spent 3.5 minutes in the -120°C chamber and I really did feel energized, more positive in my thoughts, and I slept like a baby each night.

Other users said they found the treatment particularly good for recuperation after a sports or back injury, with many skiers from the nearby slopes dropping in to ice their aches.

Cyrotherapy might seem like a chilling prospect at first but give it a try and you'll find it's very cool indeed. Cryotherapy costs $14 a session.

You must wear a mask into the chamber to prevent the moisture in your throat from freezing.

Where to stay

•While the park itself is open to day visitors, the resort has two hotels — the four-star Mountain View Hotel and the three-star Seasons Hotel. For a quieter stay, try the more restful four-star Grand Hotel Praha.

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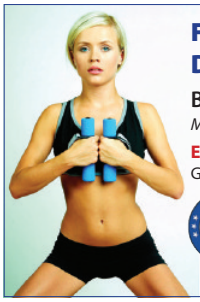

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Star Wars the sitcom

Star Wars is coming to TV as an animated comedy series. Lucasfilm says the sitcom will explore the comic aspects of that "galaxy far, far away" as it playfully and irreverently confronts the saga's characters and mythology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Graphic Ryan

Ryan Reynolds has reportedly signed on to R.I.P.D., a Universal Pictures movie based on the Peter Lenkov graphic novel.

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When Date Night goes bad

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Of all the successful Canadians in Hollywood, the name Shawn Levy is not as popularized as it should be.

After all, the Montreal-born filmmaker has made some of today's most successful family comedies (The Night at the Museum films for instance) and his work has generated over $1.5 billion worldwide.

Date Night opens Friday

Now with Date Night, the big-name filmmaker is hoping to gain a greater reputation with a more adult-oriented comedy and quite frankly, not everyone is happy about it.

"It's my first non-family film," said Levy during a recent interview. "(And) my own daughters — I have three — feel betrayed that I've made a movie that they can't see … they've watched Cheaper by the Dozen 9,000 times!"

Still, the Levy clan shouldn't be discouraged. With Date Night, Levy has crafted a very funny movie by matching two of comedy's top actors — Steve Carell and Tina Fey — as a bored married couple that go out on their weekly "date night" and end up being chased by crooked cops and the mafia.

"I had a feeling that whoever put them (together) in a movie first was going to reap the benefits," said Levy. "But as a married couple especially feels so organic. They may be married to other people (in real life) but you sure buy them on-screen as a married couple … the style and tone of their comedy is so well-matched."

Tiny Fey, Steve Carell and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from the new movie Date Night.

But as Levy insists, Date Night is not just a comedy. It delves into the world of action with plenty of break-ins, shoot-outs and a bizarre car chase that involved hooking two cars front bumper-to-front bumper.

"No one has seen a Siamese car chase through Manhattan," noted Levy. "I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships … and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before."

Although Date Night should expose Levy to a distinctly older audience, the filmmaker's refusal to be pegged down is illustrated by the variety of future projects he has in production —including a Steven Spielberg-produced blockbuster called Real Steel.

"While I'm certainly going to do more big tentpole movies, I'm also developing (intimate) character pieces," said Levy.

"So I'm just getting warmed up."

Apps now playing on your iPhone

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

It used to be that going to the movies was simple.

Movie times were listed at the back of every newspaper, trusted critics pointed the way and with a minimum of effort — and for price of a ticket and a tub of popcorn — you'd have two hours of entertainment.

That was then. This is now, and the whole experience of watching movies has become even simpler thanks to some high tech gadgets easily downloaded on your iPhone.

The whole process of locating, watching and enjoying films has been streamlined by a series of movie apps that range in price from free to $2.99.

"These apps make movie going easier," says CTV's Tech Expert Kris Abel. "Certainly now it's easier to find a theatre in your area that is playing the movie you want at the right show time."

You have apps like the flixter app (free on itunes) which can use your GPS to find the closest theatre and then give you information about that movie."

Flixter can help get you to the theatre but two other apps come in handy once you get there. Alfred Hitchcock once said, "The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder," but the fact is nature often calls in the most inopportune times — like in the middle of a movie. RunPee ($1.99 on itunes) won't quell those urges, but it will tell you the best points in the film to discretely sneak out to the restroom.

"It tells you the line you might hear the character say on the screen," says Abel, "and then it tells you how much time you have. The best part is that after you've gone to the bathroom on your screen will be a quick little text summary of what just happened in the movie. Usually in any movie there will be about four different points where it is safe for you to get up."

Also useful is the IMDB app (free on iTunes), a comprehensive database of movie info, news and reviews. It's perfect for those moments when an actor's face rings a bell but you can't place them but please, don't use it while the movie is playing.

"There is a certain amount of app etiquette," says Abel, "and most apps are designed for use before you go to the movie or after. There is nothing that will take you out of the magic of the cinema faster than seeing someone's screen out of the corner of your eye."

"These apps make movie going easier. Certainly now it's easier to find a theatre in your area that is playing the movie you want at the right show time."
Kris Abel

Can't make it to the theatre? Not to worry, there are even apps for people who don't want to sit in the dark. The NFB iPhone app (free on itunes) offers up hundreds of NFB films for temporary download and Location Scout (free in the Android Market) allows you to find the places where your favourite movies were shot.

Able notes that there are hundreds of apps out there, so buyer beware, but there is at least one to suit almost every movie fan.

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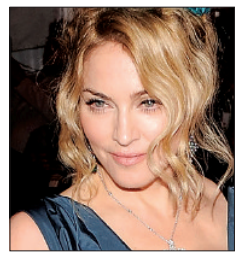

Madonna

Madonna dares to dream

PEOPLE Madonna has put down first brick of her new girls' academy outside Malawi's capital.

Madonna laid the brick with the inscription "DARE TO DREAM" yesterday. The pop star said it has long been her dream to build a girls' school.

The $15 million Raising Malawi Academy for Girls is scheduled to open in 2011, and will assist 500 orphaned children.

Daughters Lourdes and Mercy accompanied the pop diva to yesterday's ceremony. Madonna arrived in Malawi on Monday for a weeklong charity tour to inspect projects she established since her first visit in 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Safety officials to discuss DJ AM crash
Federal officials were to discuss why a Learjet hurtled off a South Carolina runway, causing a crash that killed four people and injured Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM in Washington yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer finds Hillbilly success

Blake Shelton's knocked out a lot of six packs in his life, but nothing quite like this.

The country heartthrob's latest album, Hillbilly Bone, is being marketed by Warner Music Nashville as a "six pak." It contains just six tracks and will be followed in the next few months by a second short album with a third possible by the end of the year.

Call it a test balloon for the digital age, the latest stab at preserving physical album sales at a time when listeners are turning their backs on the oh so old-fashioned CD.

"Just to be honest with you, I was to the point where I just realized, 'What have we got to lose?'" Shelton said recently.

Nothing it turns out, and there's been plenty of gain. Hillbilly Bone opened with more than 71,000 physical copies sold and vaulted Shelton to No. 3 on the Billboard 200 — his highest posting on the all-genre chart.

A month later it has sold more than 138,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan, and remains No. 4 on the country charts.

There are plans at Warner for not only another Shelton six pak in the late summer, but possibly entries from other artists as well.

Short albums, usually called EPs — a term rejected by Warner as out of date and misleading — are nothing new, though they're not particularly widespread. They're often put out as stopgap offerings between albums or to promote emerging acts who might not have a full album yet.

Shelton and Warner, though, see larger possibilities and the experiment is being watched closely in Nashville.

"It's way more instant," said Hillary Scott of the chart-topping group Lady Antebellum. "You don't have to wait as long anymore for new music … He's definitely pushing the envelope, and I think a lot of artists, including us, are kind of watching to see how it does because it could end up really changing the model."

The six-pak idea is a way to forestall the death of the album in the digital age. Warner executives came up with the plan about eight months before Hillbilly Bone came out.

Peter Strickland, senior vice-president for sales and marketing, said the label was looking at several options. Adding content and jacking up the price didn't seem like the way to go.

Shelton was an ideal fit for the new idea. His most rabid fans tell him they want new music all the time and Shelton has often felt constrained by the usual release schedule of an album every 18 months or two years.

Warner was also looking for a way to bump Shelton's sales.

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Country singer Blake Shelton performs at the second annual ACM Honors at Schermerhorn Symphony Center in September in Nashville, Tennessee.

Haim drug details emerge

Corey Haim employed "doctor shopping" to obtain 553 prescription pills in the two months before his death, California Attorney General Jerry Brown said yesterday.

The Toronto-born actor obtained the meds, which included Valium, Vicodin, Xanax and Soma, through seven different doctors and seven pharmacies, Brown said, and he used an alias on at least one occasion.

Brown said it did not appear the doctors knew Haim was obtaining prescriptions through multiple sources.

He called Haim — the star of 1980s films such as The Lost Boys and License to Drive — a "poster child" for prescription drug abuse. He said that it wasn't just celebrities who were obtaining massive quantities of prescription drugs through doctor-shopping.

Haim's activities described by Brown yesterday are separate from a fraudulenty obtained prescription that Haim may have obtained.

That prescription for Oxycontin was found during an investigation into a ring that illegally obtained prescription pads and used the stolen identities of doctors to fill them out.

Haim, 38, died March 10 after collapsing in his mother's apartment. Haim struggled with drugs throughout his life.

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Move over Hannah Montana

Two new tweens are hitting the small screen

Get ready to meet Brigit Mendler and Victoria Justice, the two biggest stars the world has never heard of — at least that segment of the planet that excludes anyone outside the ages of eight and 14.

Brigit Mendler is one of two young television actresses on the cusp of stardom.

But among that increasingly coveted tween demographic — the one that made superstars of Miley Cyrus and Zac Efron — Justice and Mendler's career arcs have been steadily rising for years.

Mendler was the cute vampire who dated David Henrie's socially inept wizard on Wizards of Waverly Place, while Justice was the equally cute upstart rival to Jamie Lynn Spears on zone 101.

Now the two 17-year-olds are getting their own Sunday night sitcoms, Justice in Victorious, which debuts at 8 p.m. EDY this weekend, and mendole in Good Luck Charlie, which debuted last weekend and airs at 8:30 p.m.

Mendler's character on Good Luck Charlie is determined to videotape every significant event in the life of her newborn sister, Charlie, while at the same time juggling typical teen problems such as annoying brothers, overly protective parents and flaky boyfriends.

Meanwhile, Victorious puts Justice in a performing arts high school whose wacky student body (populated by several young Broadway theatre veterans) is capable of breaking into song and dance whenever the mood strikes.

The show's creator, Dan Schneider, says he began grooming the actress for just such a breakout role the moment he saw her audition to play second banana to Spears on zone 101 nearly five years ago.

At rival Disney, the feeling was the same when a 14-year-old mendole arrived to audition for Sonny With a Chance. The role would go to another tween idol, Demi Lovato, but mendole wouldn't go unnoticed.

There seems to be a wealth of TV tween stars at the moment, raising the question: Is there room for two more? The Jonas Brothers have their own eponymous show, Miranda Cosgrove has become nearly a household name on iCarly, as has Selena Gomez on Wizards of Waverly Place — their images plastered all over TV, on lunch boxes, backpacks and buses.

But that doesn't mean networks like Disney and Nickelodeon can stop cranking out new kid stars. After all, they grow up, as Miley Cyrus, who's in her last year of Hannah Montana, is quickly doing.

Some of them also cause embarrassment, as Spears did when she announced she was pregnant as the fourth season of zone 101 was beginning. Or when a nude photo of Vanessa Hudgens surfaced on the Internet when she was starring opposite Efron in the High School Musical movies.

To prepare them, Disney puts child stars through something it calls Talent 101 which includes a seminar advising them on security precautions they might take and how to behave in public and in front of the press.

But looming stardom doesn't seem to have had much of an impact so far on mendole, who can appear self-assured beyond her years one moment, while discussing something like acting, then revert to a wide-eyed innocence when talking about getting her driver's license.

Likewise, Justice remains sanguine. Yes, she acknowledges, carrying a TV show is a big responsibility. But, hey, she's had other challenges in her life. "I graduated high school!," she shrieks with delight. Then she raises her arms and adds, "YAAAY!"

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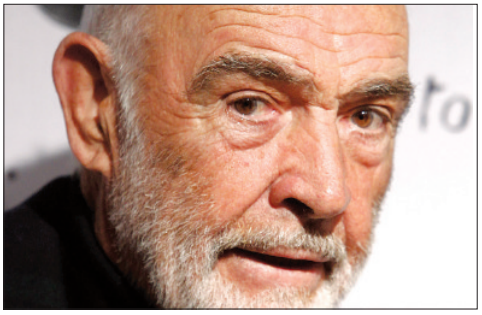

Sean Connery at his show in New York, April 5, 2010.

Sean Connery's Dressed to Kilt in New York

MANHATTAN Sean Connery celebrated Scotland's eclectic style with a fashion show featuring celebrities, athletes and wounded war veterans in modernized kilts, capes and beanies from top Scottish designers.

Connery said Monday's seventh annual Dressed to Kilt, "certainly brings together a very interesting mix of people."

Mike Myers, donning a kilt, argyle socks and sneakers, was first on the catwalk at the Chelsea nightclub space. Al Roker was close behind in a longer kilt, paired with bright yellow socks.

Joan Jett was a crowd-pleaser in her door-knocker bra top, patent-leather trench coat, micro-mini kilt and an outrageous feather headpiece by William Chambers, and Kelly Bensimon and Kellie Pickler each wore tiny corset dresses.

Scottish export Alan Cumming wore an all-matching plaid three-piece kilt suit, and actors Kyle MacLachlan and Sam Waterston also appeared comfy in their kilts. Speed skater Shani Davis accessorized with his Olympic gold medal.

But while there was a thoroughly festive atmosphere on stage, the mood became respectful when veterans from the Wounded Warrior Project appeared as models.

The fashion show raises money for Friends of Scotland, a non-profit founded by Connery. Proceeds were to be split by between Wounded Warriors, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Scottish equivalent group, the Erksine Hospital.

A pop-up shop on Madison Avenue selling some of the items from Dressed to Kilt will be open through April 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VH1 seeks more diverse audience

Cable network to feature more racially progressive reality programs

On her new VH1 reality dating show, Rozonda Thomas — better known as Chilli from the groundbreaking hip-hop group TLC — doesn't lounge in bubble baths or hand out fake bling to her suitors. Instead, the 39-year-old singer and mother meets bachelors at black-tie affairs and confers with a dating expert, as well as her 12-year-old son.

AP PHOTO/VH1/PRESCOTT MCDONALD

In this publicity image for VH1's Basketball Wives from left, Jennifer Williams, Royce Reed, Erikka Moxam, Shaunie O'Neal, Evelyn Lozada, Suzie Ketchem and Gloria Govan pose together.

The cable network, synonymous with Flavor of Love and its sleazy spinoffs, is trading trampiness for fabulousness with a new slate of series starring seemingly well-adjusted rich and famous black Americans.

VH1 executive vice-president Jeff Olde admits that the shift from oh-no-they-didn't fare to more mature material is totally intentional.

"We constantly have to evolve and tell our audience different stories," he says. "I love that we've been able to get more diverse with our audience by — in large part — attracting African-American women to the network. We got them in the door with some shows, and now I'm excited about where we're going and how we're telling them different kinds of stories."

With a Sunday debut, What Chilli Wants will be partnered othat night with Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business, focusing on sibling R&B singers Ray J and Brandy Norwood as they attempt to relaunch their music careers, and Basketball Wives, starring Shaquille O'Neal's ex-wife, Shaunie O'Neal, and five other women with romantic links to basketball players.

For the notoriously trashy VH1, it's not reality as usual. While cat fights will flare up with the Basketball Wives and Chilli promises a tiff with her sassy matchmaker on What Chilli Wants, these new shows certainly aren't selling buzzworthy moments akin to Flavor of Love contestants spiting on each other or suddenly defecating on the floor.

"I watched Flavour of Love myself," attests Chilli. "It was definitely one of the shows I thought was interesting, but it made sense for Flav to do it just that way. For me, I wanted to do my show in a way that I would be comfortable with, and I was very happy that VH1 was on the same page with me."

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	254	-	8 OMNI	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		Omni News: Punjabi Edition		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Metropia
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	-	-	10 JOY	Frasier (CC)	The Insider	The Practice (CC)		Third Watch "Judgement Day"		P3	Diya (CC)	New Day
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Bones (N) (PA) (CC)		Kitchen Nightmares (N) (CC)		Melrose Place "Sepulveda"		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N) (CC)	America's Next Top Model (N)		Law & Order: SVU		The Listener (CC) (DVS)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	The Office	The Office	Minute to Win It (N) (CC)		Family	Cougar Town	(:01) Ugly Betty (N) (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	America's Next Top Model (N)		Fly Girls (N)	High Society	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Old Christine	Accidentally	Criminal Minds "The Fight"		CSI: NY (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Minute to Win It (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Special Victims		KING 5 News
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	-	-	26 KVOS	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Dog Watch ★★ (1996, Suspense) Sam Elliott, Esai Morales.				Seinfeld	King	Cold Case
	291	383	27 PBS	ArtZone	Conver-KCTS	The Buddha Life of the Buddha. (N) (CC) (DVS)				Independent Lens Reincarnation of master.		
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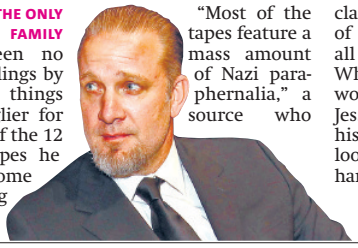
Celebrity Buzz

Springtime for Hitler at the James household?

GUESS SANDRA ISN'T THE ONLY FILM STAR IN THE FAMILY While there's been no word on divorce filings by Sandra Bullock, things could get even uglier for Jesse James if any of the 12 homemade sex tapes he allegedly made come to light, according to Radar Online.

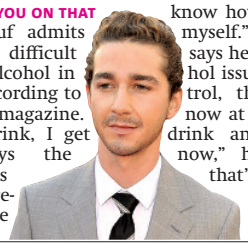


"Most of the tapes feature a mass amount of Nazi paraphernalia," a source who claims to have seen some of the material says. "It's all really quite disturbing. What I saw was a naked woman on her knees and Jesse in a Nazi hat waving his arm in a salute. It looked like the woman's hands were bound."

METRO WORLD NEWS

LaBeouf admits problems with alcohol consumption

ADMITTING IS THE FIRST STEP. NOW, RESPONSIBILITY ... HE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT Shia LaBeouf admits he's had a difficult time with alcohol in the past, according to FHM magazine. "When I drink, I get crazy," says the Transformers star, who refused to take a Breathalyzer test after his 2008 car crash. "I don't know how to compose myself." But LaBeouf says he's got his alcohol issues under control, though — for now at least. "I don't drink anymore, right now," he says. "But that's just today."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Arrivederci for Clooney's Italian love interest: Report

BACK TO THE HOT, VACANT BRUNETTE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR GEORGIE George Clooney has reportedly called it quits with his Italian girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis, according to Grazia magazine. Sources say Clooney ended the nine-month relationship because he wasn't a fan of Canalis' party-going ways.

"George loved her, but didn't want that lifestyle," a source tells the magazine. "They'd been on the rocks since February, but held on to make it through awards season."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ex-Housewife sues series creator

HEY — PAYCHECKS DON'T GROW ON TREES. RIGHT? ANYONE? Nicolette Sheridan apparently isn't thrilled with how things ended for her on Desperate Housewives, as she's now suing series creator Marc Cherry for $20 million US over allegations of assault, gender violence and wrongful termination, according to Hollyscoop.

Sheridan claims that Cherry was abusive to her on set, going so far as to hit her on the head and face over a script dispute. The suit alleges that her character on the series was killed off because the actress complained about his behavior.

"The decision to kill off Sheridan's character demonstrates that Cherry and ABC intended to and did retaliate against Sheridan for her complaints about Cherry," according to the lawsuit.

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JOSH GROBAN isn't much to look at, **JONATHAN ROSS** is thinking about the future, and **JESSICA ALBA** is putting out quite a spread.

@joshgroban A lone paparazzi got me and my dog (again) today. Bless. I said "really exciting stuff, guy. Great job". A paycheck, my photo is not.
@wossy Just read Asimov science fiction mag. It occurs to me to ask, how long before we stop calling 'email' emails, and start calling them mail?
@jessicaalba I'm making family Sat. brunch — Chicken/Cheese Enchiladas, Guacamole, Beans, Rice and Banana Cream Pie for dessert.

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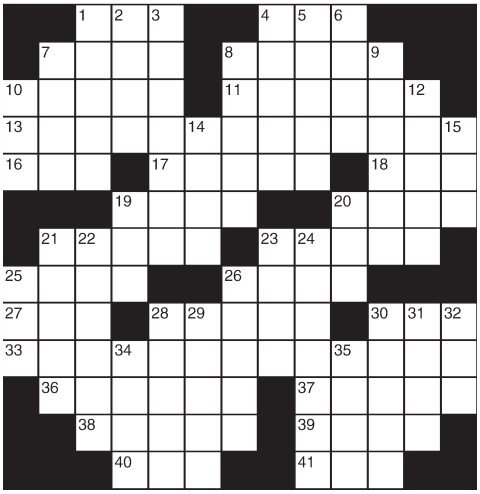

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 — Mahal
4 Mail sorting ctr.
7 Calming exercise
8 Jim Morrison's band, with "The"
10 Shaped like a dunce cap
11 Mistakes in print
13 Tumbler
16 Moment
17 Actress Parker
18 Pi follower
19 Sound quality
20 Squared
21 Suggestions
23 Compare
25 Treaty
26 City of Seven Hills
27 "Hail!"
28 Figure of speech
30 — constrictor
33 Tumbler
36 Dog
37 Sarah Palin book, "Going —"
38 Propels a gondola
39 Quite some time
40 Tournament situation
41 Parcel of land

DOWN

1 Gin partner
2 Not "fer"
3 Big win in Vegas
4 Ravine
5 "— and Bess"
6 Exam format
7 Olden days
8 Thick
9 Famish
10 LPs' successors
12 Wan
14 Charged particles
15 Trinity member
19 Stick with a kick
20 — out a living
21 Widespread destruction
22 Greenland sight
23 Aerobatic maneuver
24 Sinful
25 Chum
26 Singer LeAnn
28 With unfriendliness
29 Recipient
30 Sire
31 Responsibility
32 Corroded
34 Door handle
35 Scrubbed, NASA-style

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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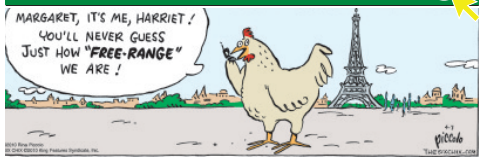

Chicken and Shrimp Jambalaya

INGREDIENTS:

100 g chorizo sausage, cut into small chunks
300 g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bite-sized pieces
2 cups long-grain rice
4 cups hot chicken or vegetable stock
1 bay leaf
200 g bottle tomato salsa
200 g raw, peeled tiger jumbo shrimp
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Heat large, deep frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and fry until just starting to brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add chicken to chorizo oil and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring until lightly coloured. Remove and set aside.
2. Add rice to pan and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Pour in hot stock and add bay leaf. Reduce heat, then cover pan with lid or foil and simmer gently 5 minutes.
3. Stir chorizo and chicken into rice. Cover pan and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in salsa, jumbo shrimp and parsley, and cook 3-4 minutes or until jumbo shrimp are just cooked, most of liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender.
4. Remove bay leaf, then season; serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Some serious matters need to be dealt with and people are looking to you to take the lead. You'll do it, of course, but don't do all the hard stuff yourself.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Strive for clarity in everything. The more you keep things simple over the next 24 hours the more likely it is you will impress some Very Important People.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Focus on business and money matters today. You may be a long way behind in your financial affairs but you can easily catch up if you make an effort.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Say what you think and don't worry that some people might get angry. Life is too short. the only emotions you have control over are your own.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Pluto will stop you in your tracks today and demand answers to some serious questions. It may mean having second thoughts about something.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is a huge opportunity just waiting to be taken advantage of, but you can't seem to find the energy to get started. Maybe you need to question your aims.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Speak up if you disagree with what a friend or family member is proposing. They may not welcome your input now but later on they will thank you for caring.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
After the trials and tribulations of recent weeks it might be wise to find yourself a quiet place where you can get your mind together.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A sudden change of direction will be forced on you today and it will annoy you that you did not see it coming. Never mind. Life is full of twists and turns.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Accept yourself for who you are and accept others for who they are. That is the message of the stars today and if you heed it you won't go far wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If nothing else, recent developments will have made you more willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Seek out people who inspire you and whose ideas are different, even radical. The world is changing at such a pace that you cannot afford to stay where you are.

This day in history

1868: Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Canadian Fathers of Confederation is assassinated by the Irish, in one of the few Canadian political assassinations, and the only one of a federal politician.
1940: Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to be depicted on a United States postage stamp.
1948: The World Health Organization is established by the UN.
1985: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev declares a moratorium on the deployment of middle-range missiles in Europe.
1994: Massacres of Tutsis begin in Kigali, Rwanda.
2003: U.S. troops capture Baghdad; Saddam Hussein's regime falls two days later.

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